

# NORTH CAROLINA

## RAIN FELL IN SHEETS

Stake Up The State Fair When a Large Crowd Was Expected.

## VANDERBILT TOOK SEVENTY PRIZES

Moonslayers Have Become Bold—Skinner's Views About the Butler Populists—Circus Wagon Stuck in the Mud—Russell's Peculiar Views in Regard to Railroad Passes.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 22.—(Special).—George Vanderbilt took seventy prizes at the State Fair, besides the \$100 special for the best agricultural display. Rain fell in sheets to-day, and literally broke up the fair. Nothing could be done. It was the last day, and the attendance would have been very large.

The general comment on the fair is that in the point of exhibits it is one of the best ever held in the State. The selection of Colonel John S. Cunningham, of Person county, as president is an admirable one.

The chief of the fire department says that but for the rain Wednesday night this city would almost certainly have had one of the worst fires it has ever known.

Raleigh township has ordered 500 car loads of granite from Greystone quarries, near Henderson for use on roads. This city has placed orders from granite for curbing sidewalks with quarries in Rowan. Much will be prepared here at the quarry. Property owners will be made to pave a great many miles of sidewalks.

Moonslayers are exceptionally numerous and bold. It is said it is because they think the new administration will not molest them. They are giving the people of Wake Forest College much trouble, as stills are being operated near there. Home-made copper stills are now quite common. A still was captured to-day eight miles from here.

Sam Smith a son of the superintendent of the penitentiary, has been dropped from the pay roll. All families of penitentiary officials are ordered to be removed this month from the building.

Congressman Harry Skinner, who was the presiding genius at the conference of minority populists, which was held here last night, was specially interviewed this evening. He said: "We talked over matters informally. There were twenty-three present. Everything is running in a way which suits me well. I have nothing to say about the conference of Butler and his friends, which was held here night before last, except to state that W. E. Fountain, as chairman of the populists all over the State, asking them to be present, yet only a corporal's guard came. Our shoulders are broad enough to stand any thing these people can say. Fusion is problematical. The policy of ostracism of us by Butler will fail. If he and his followers start to freeze us out, the Democrats will freeze them out. Butler is losing strength daily. The great majority of the populists are against him. I do not know what Otto Wilson will do or what revelations he will make. He is no friend of mine and I know none of his secrets. He has been literally Butler's slave."

Otto Wilson says that Butler could not get even all the little coteries which met with him Wednesday night to endorse his course.

The Board of Railway Commissioners met to-day and had a conference with Governor Russell's attorneys in the matter of the application of the Western Union Telegraph company for the refunding of its case from the Federal Court back to the commission. This is the case involving the rate of messages, in which injunction proceedings are pending. Attorneys Douglas and Cook for Governor Russell were present. His relations toward the commission are quite singular.

Superintendent E. McK. Goodwin, of the deaf mute school at Morganton, is here and says there are now 139 pupils, with 14 more to come.

Wallace's circus has a queer experience at Morganton Tuesday. Its wagon stuck in the mud and it lost an entire day, not appearing at Hickory, where 7,500 people had gathered to see it.

A pickpocket is despised, dreaded and avoided. He is a sneaking, despicable foe who robs a man unawares. Men hate him more than the more bold highwayman whose attack is made in the open. There are some diseases that are like pickpockets. They are sneaks. If men only knew it, these sneaking diseases are more to be dreaded than small-pox or yellow fever. The sneaking disease begins with some slight disorder of the digestion and sluggish action of the bowels. The blood becomes disordered and the body receives insufficient or improper nutriment. Emaciation follows and the sufferer is troubled with nervous prostration, brain fog, and debility, and very likely falls a victim to that dread destroyer, consumption. All this happens before the sufferer fairly realizes that he is in danger.

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The Southern Railway has paid \$10,000 for rights of way for the new line from Mocksville to the State Fair grounds. The line will be built from Mocksville to Kernersville, from Kernersville to Mocksville, and from Mocksville to Gastonia. It will shorten the distance from Washington to Atlanta thirty-five miles, or an hour's time.

It is not openly said that the question of barrooms or no barrooms is again to be made an issue here in the next campaign.

Obho Wilson, in his newspaper to-day, charges that Senator Butler and Governor Russell have already jointly written the Populist platform for North Carolina for 1898. He says that L. C. Caldwell, appointed by Governor Russell, chairman of the Railway Commission, told him he did not himself know what he would do on the question of reduction of railway rates, as he knew nothing about it.

Wilson says that Senator Butler told him last August that unless the rate of passenger fares on railways could be reduced to one and two cents per mile, freight rates also reduced, freight fares should be cut. Wilson said the 1896 reports showed that such reduction of passenger fares could not be made and do justice to shippers. To this Butler replied that the reports of the roads were false and unworthy of belief; that they were falsely sworn to, and that the reduction of passenger fares was much more important than that of freight rates, because it would have better effect politically. Wilson replied that he was in favor of equal justice on both passenger and freight rates, and that to this Butler replied, "like his partner, Governor Russell," "why in the h—l do you want to help the fool who won't help you?" To this Wilson says he replied he was sworn to do justice to all parties. Wilson then says that Butler does not stand on his party platform on this question, but wants to revise it.

Governor Russell says in Senator Butler's paper: "Yes, it is true that I have been riding on free passes. After my election as Governor all the railroads in the State and many of them out of it, sent me free passes. I declared that I would not take passes from any of them. In two months' time I yielded to their pressure, and not only took their passes, but took a train of cars, of the best finish and elegance, furnished free, to bring up a party of invited friends to my inauguration. They urged that I should accept what they called their 'courtesies.' They said that had done and that they were not extending these 'courtesies' with any purpose of influencing my official action, and all the State knows that they have not influenced me. Indeed, they put me where to refuse passes would seem discourteous. If not insulting, to them. So I took them and have given them of them now. If they or any of them want to revoke their 'politeness' they have only to intimate as much and they will get it returned on quick time, and any railroad that does so intimate will be treated by me just as fairly as if I had his passes for a life time, signed, sealed and delivered. But I have concluded that just as long as they send around their passes to officials and families I will take them, when they offer them. As long as they offer me their passes along with those Federal judges who stand in with the monopoly crowd, just so long will I take them. I will refuse my passes if Judge Simonton will refuse his pass and palace car. If he will quit, I will quit; but if he keeps on, I will keep on. Perhaps he will keep on the longer; at any rate, his superior claim is not denied. In accepting deadheads I am not violating the law—neither are Judge Simonton and the rest of them. The law prohibits the railroads from giving the pass—the donee from accepting. Whether one should accept such a gift is a question of ethics which seems to have been determined by custom in favor of every man's taking whatever is offered. It is not yet settled whether the law can be enforced and this free pass business abolished, but I shall do all that I can to get the law executed and put an end to free passes, except such as are authorized by the statute. The deadheads are mostly annuals. They expire with the year. Let some of the cronies refuse to renew any of them except those allowed by law; or rather by the Railway Commission under the law. One thing is dead sure; if they continue to defy the law by issuing them next year I will do all that I can to put the extreme penalty on them in every case."

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